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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Inventor(s) : Masanobu SEKI  
Serial Number : 09/923,413  
Filed : August 8, 2001  
For : TEMPERATURE CONTROL APPARATUS  
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**PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

The Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

June 10, 2003

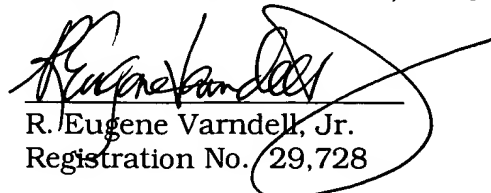
Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136, applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time for filing a response to the Official action mailed February 10, 2003. The Official action mailed February 10, 2003, set forth a three-month period for response. Accordingly, this petition for a one-month extension of time extends the due date for filing a response to June 10, 2004.

A check in the amount of ONE HUNDRED TEN DOLLARS (\$110.00) for the one-month extension of time fee is attached hereto.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee therefor, as well as any deficiency in the payment of the required fee(s) or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 22-0256.

Respectfully submitted,  
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